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## LOCALWEATHER

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|-----------|----|----|-------------------|
| Tuesday   | 59 | 39 | Partly Cloudy     |
| Wednesday | 66 | 49 | Partly Cloudy     |
| Thursday  | 71 | 58 | Isolated T-Storms |
| Friday    | 71 | 52 | Scatt'd T-Storms  |
| Saturday  | 65 | 53 | Partly Cloudy     |

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## Storms carve path of destruction across W. Tennessee

### Two former UTM students killed when twister touches down in Dyer

Stephen Yeargin  
Executive Editor

Two former UTM students were among at least 23 people killed in a series of deadly tornadic thunderstorms that swept across West Tennessee Sunday night.

Former UTM students Jeremy Price and his wife, the former Jodi Fleming, both 27, died in the Dyer County storms. While funeral arrangements are still pending, a relative told the *Jackson Sun* they will likely

be held later this week.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen has asked the White House for disaster relief aid for Dyer and Gibson counties, where at least 23 people lost their lives and more than 58 were injured. Extensive damage occurred from Newbern to Bradford.

Sirens in Martin activated about 8:40 p.m. Sunday. Events in the UC were canceled or postponed and people on the upper floors were evacuated to the game room

and main hallway.

Barry Matthews, president and CEO of the United Way of West Tennessee, said that his organization would be working with the American Red Cross on relief efforts.

"[Our] role is to be a good, supportive partner to our emergency and basic needs providers — helping them share information with the public and identifying resources needed for recovery," Matthews said.

"In Weakley County, we understand that a Red Cross team of volunteers from Obion County is identifying affected families and responding to local needs."



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## SGA ELECTIONS 2006

# Chambers, Orr face off



Erin Chambers  
Independent

### Platform Highlights

#### 1. Student Organization Coordinator

Establish a position that parallels the Greek Life Coordinator. Would be responsible for promoting increased communication and organization.

#### 2. Student Organization Center

Would establish a centralized center for inter-organizational communication and administrative support.

#### 3. Presidents' Roundtable

Continue the meetings among organization presidents.

#### 4. Improve interactions

Hold events that foster interactions among students, with students and faculty and major events with the community.

#### 5. Lottery reform

Work to reform the 120-credit hour limit on lottery scholarships and direct benefits directly to students.

### Candidates outline vision for campus, the road ahead for student government

Will York  
News Editor

Candidates for vacant positions in the Student Government Association sparred last Monday in an officially sponsored debate.

While the highlight of the debate featured candidates for the presidency, Senate candidates were also given an opportunity to introduce themselves and give their positions on issues likely to come before the SGA Senate during their terms.

Only one Senate race is contested, in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Six candidates are vying for three positions.

However, of the six candidates in Humanities and Fine Arts, only four were present at the debate. Candidates Beau Grant and Erin Smith were absent.

Vice presidential candidate Chris Cherry and secretary general candidate

Lindsey Sutherland, both representing the Effective Connections Party, are unopposed.

Incumbent President James Orr, leader of the Effective Connections Party, touted his accomplishments during the past year as reason for his re-election during the debate.

"The most important experience I have is that I'm the student body president," Orr said. "By the time you learn the process (of SGA), it's the second semester."

Orr said now that he knows the procedures of SGA, he's "ready to hit the ground running."

Challenger Sen. Erin Chambers, who is running as an independent, cited her leadership in several campus organizations as being her strength.

"I've had leadership positions across campus, and I know what happens outside of SGA. The ordinary students need a voice," Chambers

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James Orr  
Effective Connections

### Platform Highlights

#### 1. Internship Coordinator

Work to hire a university-wide internship coordinator to work with departments to find internships for students.

#### 2. Student aid

Work to host a Scholarship Night, Travel Study Opportunity Day, help on acquisition of scholarships.

#### 3. Surveys

Conduct student surveys regularly to stay in touch with the student body. This would include monthly forums to improve relations with students.

#### 4. University Parking Analysis

Work in conjunction with university officials in conducting the biannual parking analysis to give students a voice in the process.

#### 5. Career improvement

Have an online resume dropbox, links to career information.

## Internet Security

# New spyware system blocks content online

### On-campus residents, faculty may see security messages

Darci Meyer  
Staff Writer

Informational Technology Services has implemented a new anti-spyware program for all of its on-campus network users.

The program is part of an ongoing process to protect users from spyware, an increasing problem at UTM that amounts to about 80 percent of Help Desk calls. Spyware, along with other malicious programs and ad-aware, is being installed on computers, increasing the risk of the users' passwords, financial information and sensitive information being used without the users' knowledge. Additionally, these programs can cause operational problems, such as decreased speed and computer malfunctions.

The program is administered from a national company that determines the threat of Internet Web sites. Each hour, the program is updated with known spyware Web sites. If the Web site is determined to have spyware, then it will be blocked. If the user encounters a blocked Web site that is believed to be safe, then he or she is asked to call the Help Desk at 7900 or click the "Spyware Website Request Form" link to fill out a form that will be e-mailed to the Help Desk. The requests will not automatically allow access to the Web site because it must first be found spyware-free.

Students' feelings about the program are mixed. "The new program makes it difficult for me to do my homework, especially when I've encountered a safe site that I need to access. On the other hand, I'm happy that my computer is protected from spyware," said Matilda Holt, a junior Social Work major from Cypress Inn, Tenn.

Students do agree that their computers are better protected, but Internet use has become tougher. Ryan Williams, a sophomore Communications

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### Missing a site?

If a Web site has been blocked in error, IT Services urges students and faculty to contact the Help Desk at extension 7900.

## Speaker will weigh in on computer security vs. privacy

### Staff Reports

Michael Angelo, the holder of more than 40 patents, will speak on "Security and Privacy" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, in Watkins Auditorium.

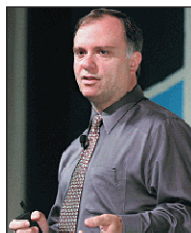
Angelo is a senior intellectual property architect at Net IQ in Houston and former security manager for Microsoft Corporation. He is extremely active in the security community and has participated in

numerous international advisory councils.

The presentation is sponsored by Honors Programs and Sigma Xi at UTM. It is free and open to the public.

As well as being the final speaker in the current Academic Speakers Series, Angelo is the 2006 Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer and spring banquet speaker.

"We viewed Mr. Angelo's topic as a very timely one in this age of



Angelo

director of the Honors Program and University Scholars.

"Mr. Angelo's lecture should be

security questions, though the timing can hardly be better with the current controversy over the Bush administration's policies concerning privacy issues," said Dr. Dan McDonough,

### Academic Speaker

very interesting, topical and timely."

The Academic Speakers Series annually brings distinguished scholars, writers and performers to the UTM campus. All lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact McDonough at danmc@utm.edu or 731-881-7466.



Our View

Editorial: Time has come for change

How do you measure a year's success? When you lead a student organization, the most elementary way is to look at how well you retained the talented and attracted more who want to be part of something great.

So few students are interested in working with the SGA that only one senate race will be a contest, and three colleges will sit vacant even after the voting has ended.

It comes as no surprise that five senators have resigned over the last year, and two were brought up impeachment charges. That means almost a third of the 22-seat senate called it quits.

The SGA is in disarray, with it taking the senate close to the midnight hour to shoot down game room renovations and create an internship coordinator position that few in the academic ranks will ever support.

The Freshman Council,

which has traditionally represented the brightest among our first year students, only recently put forth their first event of the year. We hope that they have seen the ills of the organization while laboring away at menial office hours and will make an effort to correct them.

Are you better off than you were one year ago? Or, perhaps the better question is what has your student government done for you lately?

This newspaper endorses Erin Chambers for President. We believe that a Chambers administration will get back down to business for the student body, and offer leadership instead of lip service.

While we cannot be certain what Chambers will do to fix this problem, we are in agreement that Orr has had all the time he and his party needed. It is time for change.

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Letters to the Editor

Student gives Martin thanks for support

The men of Phi Beta Sigma, Nu Iota Graduate Chapter and the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta, Upsilon Gamma Zeta Graduate Chapter, would like to thank all of those who attended the Social Action Day 2006 AIDS Awareness program on Saturday March 25th. Thanks to the students of UTM and the residents of Weakley County, our program was a success.

Our goal is to continue to bring both informational and entertaining activities to the Martin community and we hope to maintain your support.

Please, feel free to contact

us at Zeta Phi Beta/Upsilon Gamma Zeta, P.O. Box 3003, Jackson, TN 38303 or at Upsilon\_Gamma\_Zeta@yahoo.com for information on upcoming events or to let us know your suggestions/feedback.

Tierney Armour  
Grad Student  
Memphis

Endorsement for Orr

As the current President of the Student Government Association at the UT Space Institute, I fully endorse James Orr for president of the SGA at UTM.

I have known James personally for two years and can say without hesitation that he has the knowledge, ability and passion to effectively and unselfishly serve the students of UTM.

During the past few years, SGA across the UT system has been constantly moving forward and striving to improve UT as a whole, and James has been an integral part of this effort.

Throughout the years that I have known him, I have been impressed with his professionalism, drive and enthusiasm. I understand the role of the SGA is important on your campus as well as the university system.

The power of the SGA

should be placed in the hands of a capable and astute leader.

This leader is most definitely James Orr.

Mark Olles  
UTSI SGA President  
2005-06

The Pacer believes in "equal time" for all candidates. We make every attempt to print all letters of endorsement as they are received. Contents may be edited for length and brevity.

— Ed.

Missing people should get equal time regardless of race

This week the authorities in Aruba re-opened the case of Natalee Holloway, the teenager who disappeared there last year. There doesn't seem to be a week that goes by without some young woman going missing.

Natalee, Laci Peterson, and Lori Hacking, were all young, attractive women who seemingly disappeared from the face of the earth. So was Tamika Huston. But maybe you don't remember hearing about her, which is not really surprising and is the point of this column.

Huston disappeared from



Elaine Wilson  
Staff Columnist

her home in South Carolina in 2004. Her body was finally recovered in August, 2005, after police were led to her by the man now accused of killing her.

Just like all of the other young women, Huston was young, attractive, and had vanished. But there was one major difference. Tamika Huston was black.

Her family tried everything they knew of to keep

her name in the public eye while she was missing, and while there was coverage, no media outlet gave it blanket coverage as they did with the other girls.

The trial of her suspected killer, Christopher Hampton, starts this week, and it appears that there will be little or no national media. The only media outlet showing any interest at all is Court TV.

The question is, why? Why not tell her story and report on the trial of the man accused of murdering her? What makes her less special than Natalee, Laci, and Lori? Many believe the

answer to that question is the color of her skin.

In the media's defense, there aren't enough hours in the day to cover every missing person's case, and other stories come along and grab the public's attention.

Other than that, to many there doesn't seem to be an answer. Whether reporters, editors and producers are biased or decided that readers and viewers wouldn't care, changes need to be made to show sensitivity to other races. Only time will tell if those in power are willing to make those changes.

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# Americans are of many races

In a nation where the economy is barely hanging on, war is an everyday word now, millions live in poverty and the list goes on. America is considered by many as a nation of immorality and sin. As a proud American and a supporter for our military, I do not deny this claim to an extent. America may be the greatest nation on earth but it is one divided, both by race and social class.

Race in America is a concern and can only be changed by the citizens of America. While many choose not to talk about race, it is something that should be brought up.

This is a nation were immigrants are abundant and still increasing every year. Almost 159 years after the American Civil War, we still judge one another by the color of our skin or where we come from. How many more lives have to be lost in things such as gang wars and racial profiling in order to prove that there is a superior race?

There is no superior race. There is one race called humans and until this nation realizes that, millions more are going to be lost.

It should be brought forth through out American that there should be no race, we are all Americans. It is



Casey McCasland  
Guest Columnist

also good to point out that most Americans are from other nations of the world. Another good point is the defenders of the U.S are fighting and giving their lives for us all, not just one group of people.

The final division of America is social classes. This division is perhaps the biggest problem America. The economy as of late has barely hung in there, which means prices are higher.

It amazes me how definitive classes are. In a recent report in *Time* an article said that there is no middle class anymore, there is just the wealthy and poor.

People who live in Martin or even my hometown of Savannah will tell you that gas prices are too high, the necessities prices are "ridiculous." It is very hard to live in a place were the poor can barely afford to pay their bills. Another reason why it is difficult is because jobs are very hard too find in these areas.

This is the case in a majority of rural areas of America. A report in the

*New York Times* indicated that the economy in the United States rates near the bottom of the 'industrialized' world. A worker in Britain, France or Sweden is more likely to "strike it rich" than their American counterpart. Class distinction in the United States now ranks alongside countries like Japan, Germany and Italy.

All of this brings up the question, "How can we fight a war, when we're at war with ourselves?" It's time for America to realize that we can't last much longer if millions hate this nation and refuse to unite against them. There should be neither race nor class-divison.

Why? We are all Americans and have a duty to stand up for this nation. To other nations we are known simply as "Americans." How come we can't recognize this instead of destroying the nation from within?

Students of UTM, it's your turn to take a stand and say to the nation "We are one nation undivided, and we will not surrender, for we are one nation who believes in unity." Patriotism means not allowing this great nation to be the first casualty of the next world war.

# Keep our campus beautiful

I typically arrive on campus very early in the morning. It allows me to get a lot of work done while things are still quiet and the hustle and bustle of the day has not yet arrived. Most of the time there are very few people at work that early in the morning. Most of the time it is custodial staff, grounds crews, and a few faculty members like me.

This is not a great revelation, but occasionally I see a few people I don't really expect to see. March 29th I saw an example I will not soon forget. It was simple really. The time was 6:15 am and one of our staff members was out for a walk through the quad and around campus. He was just getting some exercise dressed in sweatpants, tennis shoes, and a light jacket. He was friendly as he greeted me with a smile in his voice. Again this is not a great revelation as I have seen others do the same before I ran into him that morning.

Two things made this encounter different. First, he was carrying a large white paper bag with twine handles, much like we see coming out of a retail store. He was also carrying one of those contraptions designed to pick up trash without having



Dr. Dan Tracy  
Guest Columnist

to bend over. I teased him about having to take a part-time job on the grounds crew. He responded by telling me (with a smile in his voice) that he was just out for his morning walk and thought he might as well do something else productive while he was getting his exercise. I was inspired by his commitment to do the little things to keep our campus looking beautiful. I was moved by his inability to do the easy thing and say, "That's not in my job description."

I teach operations management and constantly remind my students that a narrow view of operations espoused by the statement, "that's not in my job description," is the road to poor quality, poor service, and competitive deterioration. I teach my students (and try to live the same lesson), that quality, service, and competition is everyone's job. It was really refreshing to see that in practice right here on campus.

The second thing that made this encounter dif-

ferent was the identity of the staff member. He is NOT on the grounds crew. Picking up trash is NOT directly in his written job description.

Yet he found the motivation, took the time, and made our campus a better place in a simple way. I have been on plenty of campuses. I have never seen anyone with his job title and position picking up trash. But yet there he was...Chancellor Nick Dunagan. It was simple. He was friendly. Very few people were even around to notice. But I NOTICED. It was motivating.

All of us on campus (including faculty, staff, and students) could take a wonderful hint from OUR leader. This campus and all it is belongs to all of us. We are all responsible for its appearance and how we make it look by our actions and words daily. The little things are in the unofficial job descriptions of EVERYONE! Thanks for the reminder and the simple leadership lesson, Nick!

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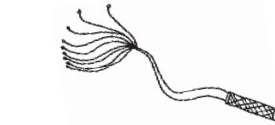
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# Senate seat census counts grad students

Will York  
News Editor

Seat allocation for this year's Student Government Association elections, scheduled for April 12 and 13, includes graduate students, even though only undergraduate students are represented in the SGA Senate.

SGA Election Commissioner Marqueta Abraham, appointed by President James Orr, said she and Orr allocated the seats earlier this semester using official figures from Student Affairs.

However, the numbers Abraham and Orr used to calculate the number of Senate seats included graduate

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students, which altered the seat allocation.

The SGA Senate does not represent graduate students, even though they were included in the count.

To determine the number of senators from each of UTM's five colleges, the SGA Constitution requires one senator for every 250 students. When there are 151 students left over, another seat is allocated.

This year's seat allocation is correct when the numbers are calculated using both the undergraduate and graduate student counts from each college, but not when only undergraduate students are used

in calculations.

The SGA Constitution does not specify which numbers to use in the allocation.

As a result of using both undergraduate and graduate students in the calculations is a net gain of three Senate seats that would not otherwise exist.

In the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, the SGA Election Commission allocated seven seats for this year based on the 1,714 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled this semester. There are only 1,293 undergraduates in that college, which would mean five seats.

The commission allocated four seats for the College

of Business and Public Affairs based on the 993 total students in that college, but there are only 886 undergraduates in the college, which is enough for three seats.

Abraham says she was not sure which semester enrollment figures she and Orr used to calculate Senate seat allocation.

"(Orr) just gave me the numbers and we sat down and figured it out," Abraham says.

Orr says he is confident about the numbers he used.

"We got them straight from Student Affairs, and we double-checked them," Orr says. "We used what they gave us."

# Forum shows off county mayor contenders

Erin Young  
Staff Writer

Weakley County citizens had the opportunity to hear their mayors speak on local issues last week. "Meet the Mayors" was held in Watkins Auditorium last Tuesday. The forum featured Ron Gifford, Weakley County Mayor, Randy Brundige, Mayor of Martin, James Gary Roberts, Mayor of Sharon, Danny Forrester, Mayor of Dresden and Ed McKelvy, Mayor of Greenfield. Judge Tommy Moore moderated the panel, which was broadcast on the radio.

The mayors drew questions submitted by residents out of a fishbowl. The questions ranged from issues such as disaster preparedness, industry and gas prices to education and eminent domain.

When asked what the Weakley County Economic Board had done to promote economic development, Mayor Brundige said, "We've been very productive with the joint economic board." He addressed growth, saying that I-69 and airport expansion would put Weakley County on the map. All of the mayors were satisfied with the success of the WCEB.

The expansion of Everett-Stewart Airport was discussed. Mayor Forrester said that not funding the expansion could be a great detriment to the county. "The first thing potential businesses ask us is 'how do we get our people in and out of your area?'" The larger airspace will allow for connections to larger cities," said Forrester. "We must fund it even though it's not located in Weakley County." The expansion is something that Weakley and Obion counties are working



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**Martin Mayor Randy Brundige looks on as Sharon Mayor James Gary Roberts takes a question from Dresden City Hall employee Dyan Panah at last week's Meet the Mayors forum at UTM.**

together on through a joint economic development program.

Roberts was asked how I-69 would benefit industry in the county. "It won't hurt anything for sure. The main thing it will do is give us recognition. It might change the perception of our community. To what degree is subjective at this point," said Roberts.

The mayors talked about a technical training center for Weakley County. Mayor Brundige agreed that there was a need for one in the area. There are plans to build one in Martin.

"The technical center will offer nursing and welding programs. The city has agreed to help the center with utilities. We're expecting it to grow," said Brundige. "We've planted the seed to getting a well-trained job force in Weakley County."

Mayor Gifford was asked what could be done to pre-

vent loss of industry in Weakley County.

"We've lost garments and shoes to other parts of the world. It's reality. We need to look at our natural resources, namely clay and bio-fuels," said Gifford. "We need to promote these resources and work together. We aren't big enough to be divided."

Mayor McKelvy was asked how gas prices were regulated in his city. "Pricing depends on how they are down the street. Greenfield doesn't have any city regulations. Prices are regulated by store owners."

A recent battle in the county over eminent domain produced a question on the issue. Mayor McKelvy was asked if anything was being done to prevent eminent domain in his city. "There is a time when eminent domain is needed, but when something can be moved a mile down the road and be just as effec-

tive, then we should do that. Eminent domain should only be used in necessary situations."

Brundige assured the audience that Martin was prepared for disaster. "Extensive training is done with the police and fire department. It's done in several units - the city, the county, the region and West Tennessee. We continually train for natural disaster and are kept up-to-date by Homeland Security. I feel the whole county is ready," said Brundige.

As for weather, he said, "Martin has seven sirens that are turned on when the weather gets bad enough. When the electricity goes out, these sirens are run by batteries."

In closing, each mayor was asked what he would do for his city with \$1 million grant. Brundige said that he would like to see a civic center to host events and to be used for different functions.

McKelvy said that Greenfield was also in need of a civic building. Their current building was built in the 1940s. He said he would also use it for water and sewer improvements.

Gifford said that he would use the grant for seed money to be distributed on a loan basis for entrepreneurs and small businesses in Weakley County.

Forrester said that he would take care of Dresden's water and sewer lines first, and, if anything was left over, he would use it for a parking lot for the court house.

Roberts said that he would use the money to bring more people and more homes to Sharon.

# Student groups sponsor forum for county races

Rachel Mansfield  
Staff Writer

UTM will serve as host on April 11, 2006, for an open forum featuring political candidates running in Weakley County for contested offices. The "Forum of the Future" will be held in Watkins Auditorium in the University Center at 7 p.m.

"Forum of the Future" is being sponsored by several local and student organizations including: the American Democracy Project, LEAD Academy, Student Government Association, and Weakley County West-Star alumni. All candidates running in the Weakley County May Primary election will have the opportunity during the forum to introduce themselves.

Candidates running in contested races will be the focus of the forum and will be given the opportunity to answer questions that will

be submitted prior to the event. Each candidate will be given two to three minutes to answer the question and there will be no rebuttals. At the conclusion of the previously submitted questions, there will be time allotted for several questions from the audience.

"We decided to sponsor the "Forum of the Future" because we feel that it is very important for the students and the public to be educated on the people running for office," said James Orr, SGA President.

Incumbent Ron Gifford, and challenger Houston Patrick, are running in the cntested race for county mayor. In the race for county trustee, incumbent, Donald Doster, will be facing challengers Patsy Mangum and Tony Prince.

The forum is open and free to the public. For more information, contact Steve Vantrease at stevev@utm.edu or 881-7755.

# International Week features food, forums

Staff Reports

This week is UTM's International Week, the highlight of which will be Wednesday's International Forum.

Wednesday's forum will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Legislative Chambers and will feature a panel discussion with international students from about eight countries participating. Panelists will give their personal experiences living in the U.S. and will discuss global issues of importance to the U.S., says Director for International Education Paul Crapo.

"Our American students will profit greatly from what their international counterparts have to say and will especially enjoy the question-and-answer period," Crapo says.

Another highlight of the week is next Monday's International Food Fair, which will take place in the UC Ballroom from noon to 1 p.m.

The International Week kicked off yesterday with a lecture on economic development in Africa.

## Today:

12:15 to 1 p.m., "Literature around the World," Humanities 210, with international students reading selections in their native languages and summaries in English.

7 p.m., Canadian Film Series, *Mon oncle Antoine*, in Watkins Auditorium. In French with English subtitles.

## Wednesday:

Noon to 1 p.m., International Forum, Legislative Chambers.

## Thursday:

12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m., "Literature Around the World," Humanities 210.

## Friday:

Noon to 1 p.m., Trivia Bowl with an international team vs. a U.S. team, Legislative Chambers.

7 p.m., Canadian Film Series, *Les invasions barbares*, in French with English subtitles. Watkins Auditorium.

## Saturday:

2 p.m., International soccer tournament. Skyhawk Field (behind Elam Center).

## Monday, April 10

Noon to 1 p.m., International Food Fair, UC Ballroom. Enjoy food from across the globe.

# Campus Bulletin Board

**The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to [pacer\\_news@utm.edu](mailto:pacer_news@utm.edu) or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.**

## Talk Time

Sandy Brunner, student assistant at the English Writing Center, will lead discussions throughout the semester to help students practice conversational skills through the Writing Center. Topics include culture, entertainment, news and grammar. Talk Time is from 4 to 5 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Humanities 209.

## Grad school guidance

The Office of Counseling and Career Services has free copies of the *Graduate School Guide*, a comprehensive guide to professional and advanced degree programs in the United States and Canada. Copies are available in UC 213.

## Canadian Film Series

The first installment in the Foreign Film Series, *Mon oncle Antoine*, will be shown at 7 p.m. today in Watkins Auditorium. Admission is free.

## Wednesday Forum

This week's Wednesday Forum will be on "The Sexual Assault Epidemic: What You Can Do" in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The forum will be conducted by Dr. Jennifer Levy and SABER. The forum takes place from 12:15 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday in UC 125 (inside the cafeteria).

## Allies

UTM's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual social and activist group, will meet at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in Sociology 102.

## SGA Senate

The Student Government Association Senate will meet at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Legislative Chambers (UC 111). Their meetings are open to the public.

## Pike Fights

Pi Kappa Alpha will present "Pike Fights XVII" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7 in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The fraternity boxing event will benefit the Weakley County Reading Railroad, a branch of Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library. The Golden Gloves regulation tournament costs \$8 for general admission and \$10 for ringside seating.

## Blood drive

Eligible donors can donate blood today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the UC hallway, outside the cafeteria.

## Financial aid

The Financial Aid Office has Perkins loan money stilll available for the spring and summer semesters. If you are interested in receiving Perkins loans, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

## Broadcasting Guild yard sale

The UTM Broadcasting Guild is throwing a yard sale from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at 301 Oxford St. They promise "lots of stuff."



# Changes in store for MCAT touted to improve testing experience

**Alys Hill**  
*Staff Writer*

The American Association of Medical Colleges announced recently that the format of the Medical College Admissions Test, mostly known to pre-medical students as the MCAT, will be changing sometime in 2007.

The AAMC says that though there has not been an official date of change set yet, this is the last year that MCAT will appear same as usual. This has many students asking about the kinds of changes that have occurred and how it will affect their scores.

The changes include:

- The test will no longer be in paper and pencil format; it will be entirely computer based. According to Liz Wands, National Director of Graduate Programs at the Princeton Review, the computer based tests is obviously much cheaper because no paper is involved.
- The test will be administered in five and a half hours versus the usual 8.
- The test will be given 19 times a year instead of only

twice. Though the dates are not yet set, the test will be given four times a year over a period of five days.

Wands seems positive about the changes and is trying to encourage the students who will be effected.

“By all appearances, the switch from paper-and-pencil to a computer seems like a positive move for students. But with that being said, we understand why some pre-meds may be stressing over the changes. Anything unfamiliar tends to cause some fear and most students are used to taking tests the traditional way. But I would like to reemphasize again to all those who plan on taking the MCAT, content of the exam will remain status quo, so having a strong background in science will remain important,” says Wands.

Wands says that they changes came after the AAMC wanted to improve the testing experience. Many test takers complained about the 8-hour test, and these “complaints did not go unheard.” Also, money played a large factor. The printing of the tests

is an expensive endeavor, and the computer based test would be cost efficient in the long run.

So, how will this effect the students and their scores? None of the changes themselves would make a student to better or worse than they normally would have. However, because the changes will be new, then many students feel as if they need to take it now, even though they are not prepared.

“Students do not need to hurry up and take this test for fear that they might not do well on the new format,” says Dr. David W. Sammons, UTM’s Biology Chair and a pre-med advisor. “It is important to make sure that you are prepared to take a test of this magnitude. Take the MCAT as late in your learning curve as you possibly can. Don’t get in a rush.”

Dr. James Smart, associate Biology department professor and another pre-med advisor, agrees. “Practice as much as possible. So many students think that they can take the MCAT as many times as they want in

order to improve; however, the medical schools still see the bad scores. The key is to take the test once, being as prepared and informed as possible.”

What advice does Dr. Smart give UTM’s pre-med majors who will have to take the MCAT in the future? “There are many practice MCATs available online. Take as many of these as you possibly can. Buy the Kaplan study materials if you have to. Take an MCAT preparation class. Take the MCAT as late as possible so that you will have taken the important upper division science courses, which you will definitely need. There are many ways you can prepare for the MCAT.”

One of the ways that Dr. Smart and Dr. Sammons are helping UTM pre-med students is by offering free practice MCATs on campus. The last one of the semester will be held on Saturday, April 15. If any student wants to get involved with this session, contact Dr. Smart at [jsmart@utm.edu](mailto:jsmart@utm.edu).

“We hope to hold more practice sessions next spring. They will, hopefully,

ly, be more spread out over the semester and more advertised,” says Smart.

Tucker Leigh, a senior Chemistry major and pre-med student, does not see a real problem in the changes. “The main issue with the change in my eyes in one of convenience, both for the student and medical schools. I have yet to see how the questions have been modified, however, I am sure it will be the same MCAT it has always been. The questions themselves have never been the main concern. The purpose of the MCAT is to properly identify one’s thinking pattern. Thus, these changes do nothing to hinder that while making the taking of the exam easier in a logistical sense. All things considered I like the changes.”

However, senior and pre-med student Phuong Nyugen, disagrees and is not quite so optimistic about the changes. “I think it’s good that they cut the test to only 5.5 hours, and have fewer questions. But at the same time, taking the test on a computer can be really frustrating. Our eyes

### MCAT changes

- Only one essay instead of two
- 33 percent fewer questions on the test
- Will still have three sections: Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Verbal Reasoning
- Test time decreases by two-and-a-half hours

can get really tired after a while. I think it may affect the ability to think clearly, plus lower our potential grade. To me, I’d rather take it on paper instead of taking it on the computer.”

Despite the wide range of opinions concerning the changes, they will still take place beginning sometime in 2007.

For more information about the changes to the MCAT, go online to [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) and click on “Medical Schools.”

## Students arrested on drug charges

**Staff Reports**

A UTM student was arrested March 14 on multiple felony drug charges.

Members of the 27th Judicial Drug Task Force and Martin Police Department served a search warrant at an apartment at 117 Bo Drive and arrested both residents with possession of drugs.

Upon serving the search warrant, officers found marijuana cigarettes and a bag containing a green, leafy substance appearing to be marijuana in addition to several items used for indoor marijuana growing.

During the search, a drug dog alerted on a safe located in student Kyle Wisniewski’s room, and officers found a plastic bag containing a white chunky substance believed to be cocaine, a plastic bag containing a substance believed to be marijuana, 16 pills

believed to be Darvocets and electronic scales.

Wisniewski was charged with possession of cocaine (Schedule II) with intent to resale, illegal possession of Darvocet (Schedule IV) with intent to resale, simple possession of marijuana (Schedule VI) and unlawful drug paraphernalia possession.

Wisniewski’s roommate was charged with simple possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Wisniewski, who was a starter on the Skyhawk football team, had been previously dismissed from the team. Wisniewski’s roommate’s status with the team has not been determined.

Both were arraigned in Weakley County General Sessions Court and are scheduled to appear for their preliminary hearing April 5.

## UTM student-soldier to speak on Iraq

**Rebecca Gray**  
*Staff Writer*

UTM student Adam Roy of Jackson will speak about his experiences in Iraq at 4 p.m., April 11, in the UC Legislative Chambers.

Roy returned from the war last November, and he hopes to raise awareness for the troops and relate how his experiences at UTM have helped him, according to a press release.

While serving in the Army, Roy received the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement

Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. Since his tour of duty, Roy has been honorably discharged.

Roy was a member of the National Guard and was deployed during his 2004 spring semester at UTM. He toured for more than a year in Iraq beginning in November 2004.

Roy’s appearance is sponsored by the American Democracy Project. Dr. Mike McCullough, Chair of the

ADP, says that the goal of the ADP is to inspire political and civic engagement on the part of all students at UTM.

According to McCullough, the event may or may not raise some controversy over the issues discussed.

“There are more students than a lot of us know that are affected by the war, and we’re hoping that this event will bring those people out for discussion and for conversation. This will be part of the American Democracy Project’s ongoing effort to keep our campus thinking about the important events and issues in our world.”

## Speaker finds flaws in ‘Intelligent Design,’ discusses details of evolution

**Jay Baker**  
*Entertainment Writer*

Eugenie Scott, Executive Director for the National Center for Science Education, spoke to UTM students last Monday, March 27, on the issue of the evolution/creation debate.

Scott focused her speech on two main parts: an explanation and definition of evolution and an argument of why creationism (including Intelligent Design) should not be taught in science classes.

“What is this idea that has people’s knickers in a twist,” said Scott at the beginning of her explanation of evolution.

Scott’s explanation of evolution was very in-depth and rivaled what some students learn in a biology class. Scott reinforced several times the point that, “Individuals don’t evolve, populations do.”

“She well summarized all of the information in a broad and historical context,” said Matthew Huber, a senior geology major from Starkville, Miss.

Scott gave a historical timeline of the evolution/creation legal battle in public schools including the 1968 Supreme Court case Epperson vs. Arkansas which reversed the Arkansas Supreme Court decision to allow the banning of the teaching of evolution in Arkansas public schools.

Scott then gave an explanation of the history of creation science beginning with the book, The Genesis Flood, by John Whitcomb and Henry Morris. Scott then quoted Morris, which sums up her argument that creation science is not science at all, but an attempt to prove a theory by search-

ing for evidence to support it and discarding evidence which does not, “The work of God must take first priority and secondly, the observed facts of science,” said Morris.

Scott also outlined what she called the “two model approach,” in which creationists argue that if evolution is wrong, then their own version of creation must therefore be right. Scott pointed out how this is illogical by showing that even if evolution is wrong, that does not prove any one theory of creation right. Scott noted that there are many theories of creation ranging from the Christian creation commonly associated with the creation/evolution debate to Hopi legends.

“I don’t believe in evolution. I accept evolution. Science isn’t about belief,” said Scott.

Scott’s speech then turned to an explanation and definition of ID, which she jokingly referred to as “Creationism Light.” According to Scott, the science of ID focuses on the detection of evidence for design. She then explained the two main ways ID supporters go about this: irreducible complexity (the idea that some things in life i.e. bacterial flagellum etc. are so complex that they could not have occurred randomly) and complex specified information (which is found by a design filter, a similar technique is used in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence or S.E.T.I.). Both, Scott says, do not disprove evolution.

Scott went on to address what she called the “three pillars of creationism:” “Evolution is a ‘theory in crisis;’” “Evolution and religion are incompatible;”

and “It is only fair to teach creationism/ID along side evolution.”

Scott asked the audience to ask their biology professors if there were any other accepted scientific theories about the origin of life. She then explained that many religious people, including the late Pope John Paul II, accepted evolution as not contradicting religion.

“Intelligent Design is actually unfair...It wants to bypass the scientific community and go straight to text books,” said Scott.

After the speech Scott fielded questions from audience members.

“The U.S. is really unusual in its high rate of rejection of evolution...It’s also the case that we really need to do a better job teaching evolution. There were a lot of ‘ohs’ in the audience which says evolution is not being taught well in schools.

Some students disagreed

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## Police Report

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| <b>10:18 a.m., March 28</b><br><b>University St.</b><br>Jerry C. Alexander was issued citations for no insurance (General Sessions Court) and speeding and no seat belt (City Court).    | Report of a subject that had been injured during a softball game and was treated on the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.                        |
| <b>11:02 a.m., March 28</b><br><b>Lot 12</b><br>Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.   | <b>2:15 a.m., March 31</b><br><b>Cooper Hall</b><br>Laresia K. McKenzie was arrested for public intoxication and underage drinking (General Sessions Court). |
| <b>10:23 a.m., March 29</b><br><b>Mt. Pelia Road</b><br>Leatha A. McCroskey was issued a citations for no insurance (General Sessions Court) and speeding and no seat belt (City Court). | <b>4:00 p.m., March 31</b><br><b>Lot 5</b><br>Phillip J. Breeden was issued citations for two counts of simple assault (General Sessions Court).             |
| <b>1:09 p.m., March 29</b><br><b>Lot 4</b><br>Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.   | <b>1:52 a.m., April 1</b><br><b>EPS</b><br>Report of water damage caused by a faulty hose. Report on file.   |
| <b>8:46 p.m., March 29</b><br><b>Elam Center</b>   | <b>6:38 a.m., April 3</b><br><b>University St.</b><br>Sae Ho Chung was arrested for public intoxication (General Sessions Court).                            |



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## UTM student soon to be published author with story of love

**Rachel Rogers**  
*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

When was the last time you read a good book? Who was it by? Chances are, you're going to say someone like Anne Rice, Stephen King or Nora Roberts, if that's your thing.

Well, here's a new name to add to your list: Stephen Outten. And chances are, this writer isn't locked away in some remote part of Maine, or living the high life in Los Angeles. As a matter of fact, you could have passed him on your way to class this morning.

Outten is a junior English major from Tuskaloska, Ala., and his first novel, *The Shadows Whisper*, is due out early this summer.

The novel starts out in 1860's Louisiana, when two young people meet and fall in love. Unfortunately, both are killed during the Civil War.

Now it's present day Nashville. Here we meet Colin, a young man who has no idea that he is a reincarnated soul, nor that his past lover is trying to reach out to him once more.

"It's got a little bit of everything in it," says Outten. "It's a love story, so fans of writers like Nicholas Sparks will like it. But it's also academic, like 'The DaVinci Code', and suspenseful, like John Grisham."

Outten first started working on the novel in the summer of 2004. "I wrote the first ten pages then just

put it down," Outten says. "Then my girlfriend picked it up and said, 'You have to finish this'. So I started working on it again, and finally finished it during the summer of 2005."

Outten finished the novel the day before the fall semester started and finally starting looking around for a publisher. "I had always written with an intent to publish," Outten says.

Finally, in mid-January, he got a letter from the company Publish America saying that they were interested. Outten went through a couple of revisions before he sent in his final product.

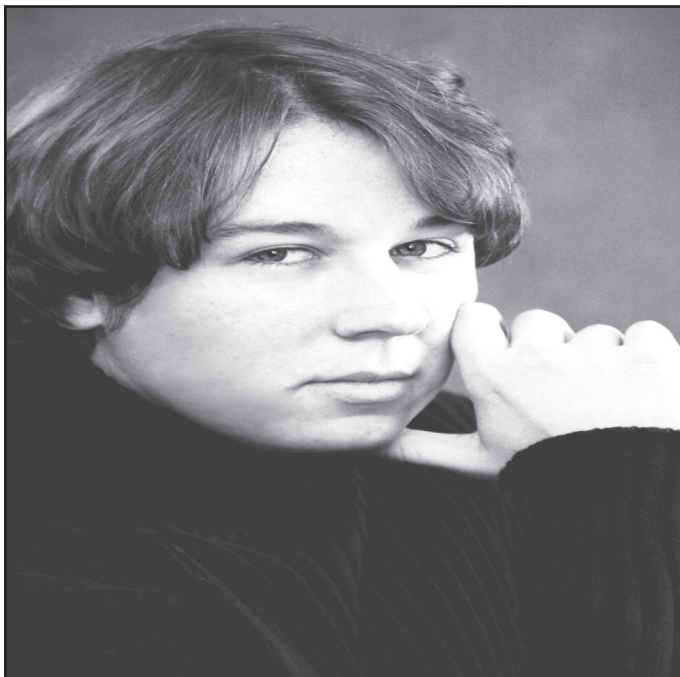
"We're still working on cover art and pages, but the book should be due out in late May or early June,"

said Outten.

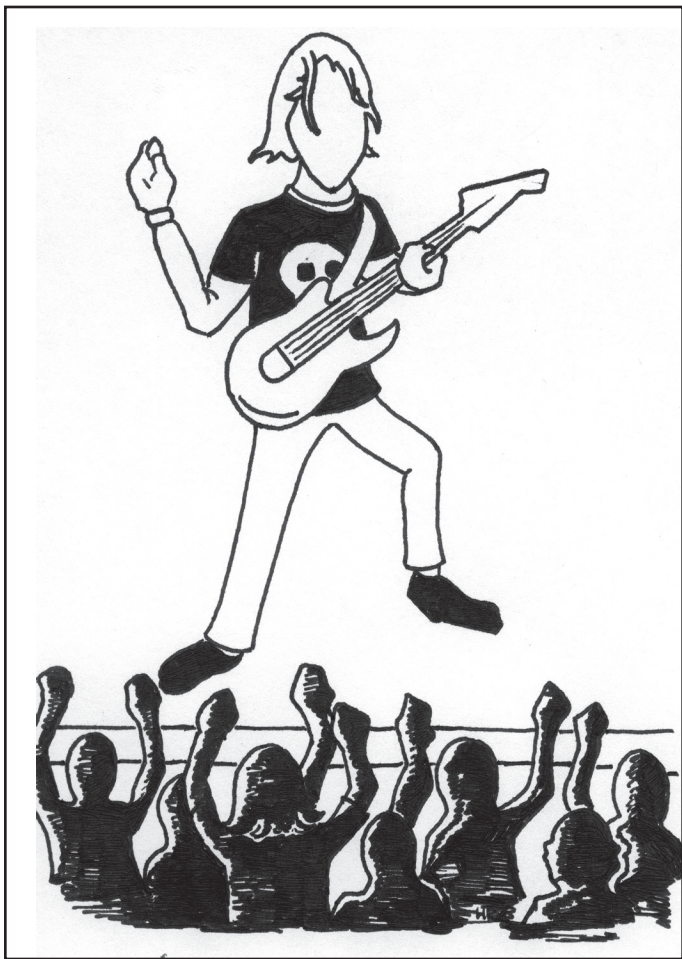
"It's been an uphill climb, but I like a challenge," said Outten. "I really think this book will appeal to a lot of different readers, because it's a spin on several different genres. Also, it focuses more on the characters, because when we read, we read about people, not things."

Will this be it? Absolutely not. Outten is already working on a second novel, which he hopes will turn into a series.

The English Department will be celebrating the release of Outten's novel, and you will also be able to pick up a copy from Amazon.com and Publish America's website.



Stephen Outten, a UTM student, will release his first book sometime early this summer.



ERIC WHITE/The Pacer

## Below the radar bands

*These bands make up for their anonymity with excellent music*

**Jay Baker**  
*Entertainment Writer*

Everyone listens to at least one band that no one else has ever heard of. Below are five that will be new to most.

1. **The Hanks** are a former ska band out of California who turned alternative with the release of their new album, "Your New Attraction." Their ska is great, incorporating strong punk with smooth horn stylings while their alternative does not lose the edge the ska had. Their alternative still has undertones of ska to keep earlier fans, and 90's fans, happy. "Your New Attraction" is a great example of how a band can change genres and do it right. "Once Again" and "Sometimes" are great tracks from their new album. "Guilty" is one of their best ska songs.

2. **Desaparecidos**, fronted by Bright Eyes' singer/songwriter Conor Oberst, sounds nothing like the former stomping grounds of its lead singer. Oberst, probably known more for his confessional style of vocals, definitely brings emotion to the table with Desaparecidos, but directs it at the suburbanization of America. Oberst does a particularly great job of this with the track, "Mall of America," especially with

the lines, "and when my sadness needs a catalyst/I'll just uncover my eyes so much stimulus."

3. **The Distillers** have got to be one of the best bands fronted by a female vocalist in quite some time. They have a unique punk sound that really rings true, something missing from a lot of punk these days. "Coral Fang" is a great album, though many fans disagree and laud "Sing Sing Death House" as the best. If you're on iTunes, check out "Drain the Blood" and "The Young Crazy Peeling."

4. **The Suicide Machines** offer a traditional hard core ska sound that combines up-tempo up-stroke guitar and intense vocals and punk stylings. "A Match and Some Gasoline" is one of their better albums with the track "High Anxiety." Although, "Steal This Record" has a surprisingly great cover of "It's the End of the World as We Know It."

5. **At The Drive In** is one of those bands that you can only enjoy if you like music to kind of "burn the hair off your eyebrows." Having formerly toured with Rage Against the Machine, At The Drive In is the punk-rock real deal. They provide a visceral, almost primal musical experience. These guys are definitely in it for the art.

**Matthew Cook**  
*Staff Writer*

If you walked into the Fine Arts Building at the end of last week, chances are you may have been met with an eerie silence.

If you happened to be across the state in Nashville at the time, you might have wondered if the Department of Music was considering a change of location.

Three of the university's top ensembles and over half the faculty from the Department of Music were in Nashville Thursday and Friday for the 2006 Tennessee Music Education Association State Music Conference and the 2006 Tennessee American Choral Directors Association Conference.

The UTM's Steel Drum

Band, led by Assistant Professor of Music Julie Hill, played for the opening of the TMEA Conference's exhibit hall on Thursday.

The Steel Drum Band is new to the music program this year and their repertoire includes a variety of Latin American standards and popular favorites.

Performing at 2 p.m., Thursday in the TMEA exhibit hall, was the UTM Clarinet Choir, directed by Dr. Amy Simmons, Assistant Professor of music. "We were proud to represent UTM on the state level. The Clarinet Choir played artistically and were very well prepared," she said.

The New Pacer Singers sang for many of the state's K-12 and collegiate choral directors at the open-

ing luncheon of the ACDA Conference Friday at 12:30 p.m. New Pacers, led by Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities Dr. Mark Simmons, sang a wide selection of pieces including William Schuman's Carols of Death and Simmons's Gloria, for treble voices.

"The New Pacer Singers sang for the State ACDA Convention for the first time in the history of the Department of Music," Simmons said. "The performance demonstrated the great artistry and commitment our students have to performing at the highest levels. I am very proud of the performance of this group and of all the hard work that went into this performance at such a high profile choral event."

"I think the performance went as well as it possibly could for the large group [of directors] we were singing for," said Rachel Chadwick, junior history major and member of the ensemble.

Dr. Fred Spano and Dr. Dwight Gatwood also participated in the TMEA conference on Thursday, leading informative discussion sessions for the educators present. Dr. Spano taught two sessions: Rethinking the Choral Warmup and Collegiate Members: Tips for Passing Praxis II Music. Dr. Gatwood led the session An Introduction to Middle Eastern Music.

More information can be found about the TMEA conference at [www.tnmea.org](http://www.tnmea.org) and the ACDA conference at [www.tnacda.org](http://www.tnacda.org).



## Gospel Blowout a hit at UTM

*Groups come from across the nation to bring gospel to UTM*

The UTM campus was treated to gospel music at the second annual Gospel Blowout. The blowout took place in the Student Life Center on March 31. This event was sponsored by UTM sophomore, Jason Price, who is also a youth minister on campus and at his church in Memphis.

The acts came from near and far to bring gospel music to UTM this past Friday night. The first act was a group called JVP, which featured UTM students. Other featured acts included Joey Parker & Anointed By Christ and Eric Price II. Price returned to UTM for the second time to perform his popular song "Showtime." He let the audience know that it's all right to dance for Jesus.

Guest speaker, Raymond Orr, flew from Dallas, TX. He is an elder at the Potters' House church where the Bishop T.D. Jakes is the pastor. He came to deliver a special message to UTM students. He expressed to the audience its okay to have a dream, but do not be afraid to explain it to those who may want to help you.

Orr also brought with him his latest book A Dream and a Dollar. He offered to students for a special one-time offer of \$1, the normal price being \$10.

Another author was present to introduce a new book to students called Cloud Nine. This book includes nine principles for young adults who want to live a Christian lifestyle.

Some students felt that the Gospel Blowout delivered a long overdue dose of inspiration. Natasha Hudson, freshman Secondary Education major from Memphis, TN said, "The Gospel Blowout was uplifting and inspiring. I can't wait until next year."

"It was truly an exhilarating experience," said Carlton Lewis, senior Management Information Systems major, from Memphis.

The Gospel Blowout will be an annual event on UTM's campus. Jason Price also offers Bible Study every Monday night in Ellington Hall's closed lobby. Rethinking Every Avenue of Life or R.E.A.L. Bible study is open to everyone who would like to participate.

Story written and photos made by India Dean







## Skyhawks sweep three game series from Tigers



SPORTS INFORMATION

**Junior college transfer Stacey Weaver from Casey, Ill. fields the ball during last weekend's three-game series against the Tenn. State Tigers. The Skyhawk's sweep marks their second straight over TSU.**

**Brad Hurt**  
Assistant Sports Editor

For the second straight year the Skyhawk softball team swept its three-game series with Tennessee State, dominating Saturday's doubleheader and coming from behind to win on Sunday.

The Skyhawks took advantage of three TSU errors in Saturday's opener as they cruised to a 6-1 win. Skyhawk starter Ashley Myatt scattered seven hits and struck out seven in a complete game performance. The Tigers did not score their run until the top of the seventh inning as Myatt fell one out short of recording a shutout. The win improved her record to 8-4 on the season.

Emily Webb drew a lead-off walk to start the second inning and turned it into the game's first run. She scored on a wild pitch with her twin sister Christa at the plate. C. Webb singled later in the at-bat to drive in Lauren Manna from third base and give the Skyhawks a 2-0 lead. C. Webb had a perfect day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored and one RBI.

The Skyhawks used alert baserunning and sloppy field-

ing by the Tigers to create another run in the third inning. The inning began with three consecutive walks. Brandy Whalen, Justine Pineda, and Savannah Roberts each drew a free pass to first base. Each also stole a base in the inning. Pineda scored on an error by the Tigers' second baseman to extend the Skyhawk lead to 3-0.

The Tigers put together a couple of hits to pose a threat in the top of the fourth inning. The two baserunners were ultimately stranded on base as Myatt recorded two key strikeouts to end the inning.

Greer Long, C. Webb, and Jennifer Young got the Skyhawks started in the sixth inning with consecutive singles. The Skyhawks scored two runs in the inning without any additional hits. Whalen recorded a sacrifice fly to right field to score Long. Justine Pineda followed with a groundout to drive in C. Webb.

The Tigers earned their run when shortstop Nira Robbins doubled to score Samantha Hurst from second base.

The Tigers struck first in game two when Robbins hit a two-run home run in the third inning. It turned out that the

Skyhawks were just waiting to erupt on offense as they went on to score ten unanswered runs to claim a 10-2 win that invoked the mercy rule.

The Skyhawks scored half of their runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Pineda scored first on an error by the Tigers shortstop. With the bases loaded, C. Webb approached the plate and hit a double to give the Skyhawks a 4-1 lead. Brittany Nash later singled to drive in the final run of the inning.

The team added two runs in the fifth inning and three in the sixth. After Roberts hit a sixth-inning single to centerfield, scoring Nash and Young, the game was called on account of the ten-run limit.

Ashton Strode earned the win on the mound for the Skyhawks and improved her record to 7-9 on the season. Strode allowed two runs on four hits while pitching a complete game. She didn't allow a baserunner until the third inning.

Saturday's offensive outburst gave way to a closer contest on Sunday in which every baserunner was precious. The Skyhawks fell behind early once again

before Pineda hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning to provide what proved to be the game-winning runs. The Skyhawks took a 2-1 lead on the home run and won by that score. Holly Templeton improved her record to 4-2 as she pitched five innings for the Skyhawks, allowing one run on three hits with five strikeouts. The Tigers scored on a passed ball by Manna in the first inning. Robbins scored the run after leading off the inning with a single. Neither team was able to put any consistent offense together until the fourth inning.

Myatt relieved Templeton in the sixth inning and stranded two baserunners to preserve the Skyhawk lead. She then retired the Tigers in order in the seventh to earn her second save of the season. The Skyhawks won despite committing two errors on defense in the game.

The Skyhawks improved their record to 22-16-1 overall and 7-4 in the OVC. They are in fifth place in the conference as they prepare for a non-conference home doubleheader against Memphis at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Bettye Giles Field.

## Skyhawks saddle up for 38th annual spring rodeo weekend

**Amy Eddings**  
Sports Editor

One of the biggest events of the UTM year is coming up this weekend as the 38th Annual Spring College Rodeo, presented by Dodge, kicks off.

The rodeo festivities start on Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. with the annual Crawfish Supper held by the Rodeo Booster Club at the American Legion in Martin. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

The timed and rough stock events start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ned Ray McWhorter Agricultural Complex.

The timed events include tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping and for the men and barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying for the women.

The rough stock events are made up by the bareback, saddle-bronc and bull riding which are only competed in by the men.

Tickets to Thursday night's performance, which is sponsored by 84 Lumber Company, are free to the first 500 UTM students and \$5 at the door for everyone else.

At the performance, spectators can register for a chance to win a new Dodge truck and a chance to toss a horseshoe for a new MTD riding lawnmower.

Friday night's Martin Paving Company performance, starting at 7:30, will feature

all timed and rough stock events as well and registration for the chance to win the truck will continue.

If no winner of the lawnmower was named on Thursday, a second drawing and toss will occur.

The Weakley County 4-H Mounted Drill Team will perform before the performance.

Saturday's events get started early with the Junior Mr. and Miss Rodeo pageant at 9 a.m. in the tents in front of the football building. Kid's Cowboy Time takes place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with free barbecue plates and blue grass music to follow.

The Edward Jones Investment Celebrity Action sponsored by Harald Melson starts at 12:30 p.m. and includes such items up for auction as items from NASCAR drivers, actors and actresses, and tack, feed and other Western items up for grabs. All proceeds go to the UTM Rodeo Scholarship Fund.

The Vanderbilt Sports Medicine Championship Finals will start at 7:30 and the top 10 Ozark Region NIRA contestants from the previous nights' performances will compete in each of the events.

The drawing for the chance to win the truck will be held Saturday along with a chance to win a new saddle or cash money.

Going into their home rodeo, the UTM men's rodeo team is currently leading

the Ozark Region by 817.5 points and is third in the country with 4402.5 points.

The women's rodeo team is sitting at sixth in the region with 660 points.

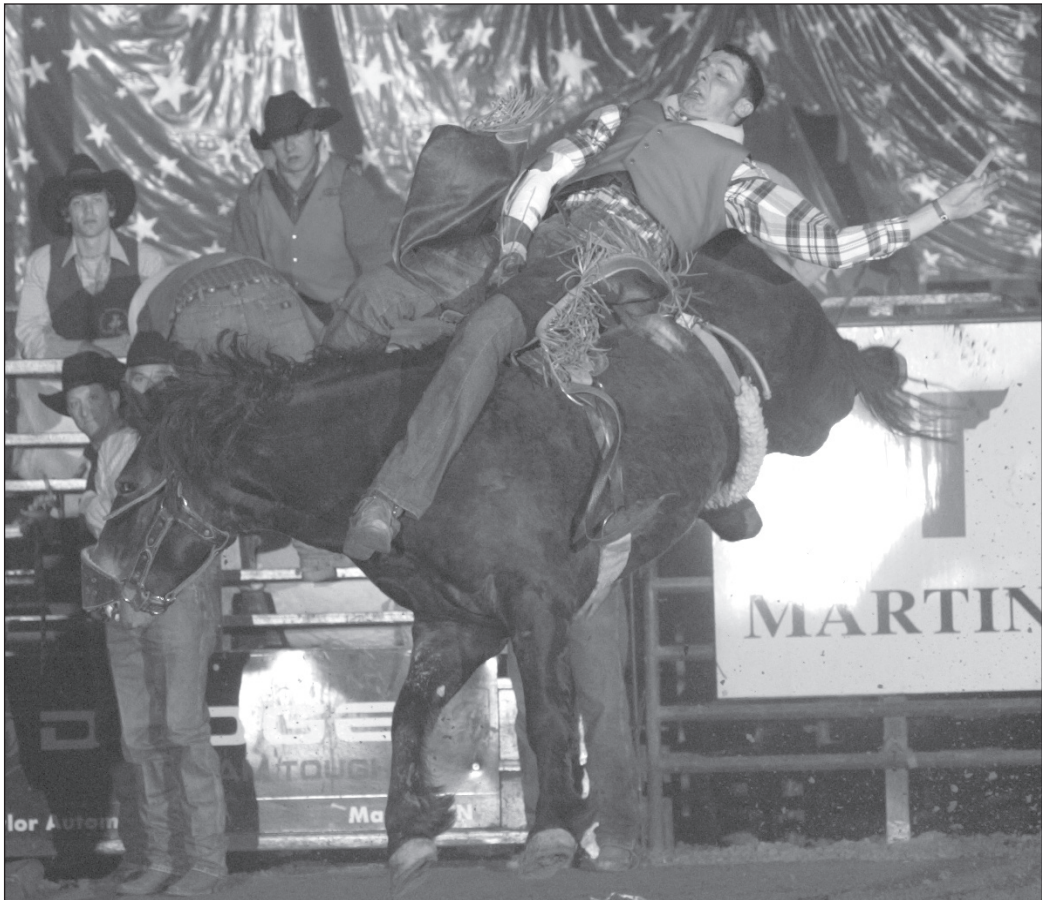
The UTM rodeo team is currently the only collegiate rodeo program in Tenn., coming to UTM in 1968 and joining the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in 1973.

The men's team then advanced to the College National Finals Rodeo the next year. They've been back 31 consecutive times and seven men have won individual CNFR titles in UTM history. In the region, which UTM joined in 1976, the Skyhawk cowboys have won the region 25 of the past 31 years and have yet to finish anywhere but first in the 37 year history of the school's home rodeo.

The women's team have won the Ozark Region twice, in 1996 and 2004, and qualified for the CNFR nine of the past 13 years.

Tickets for Friday and Saturday's performances are \$8 (\$7 in advance) for adults, \$6 (\$5 in advance) for children ages five and up and UTM students with their UTM ID.

A weekend pass is available for \$15, purchased in advance only. Tickets are available in Martin in the UC, Wood Communications Wireless Source and the Weakley Farmers Co-op. Doors open for each night's performance at 6 p.m.



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### Rodeo Ticket Roundup

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**Friday & Saturday** - \$8 at the door, \$7 in advance for adults; \$6 at the door, \$5 in advance for children ages 5 and up and UTM students w/ UTM ID

**Weekend Pass** - \$15, available in advance only

\*All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.

## Baseball drops first conference games against Eastern Illinois

### UTM Sports Information

The UTM baseball team struggled at the plate against host Eastern Illinois Saturday afternoon in Ohio Valley Conference action.

The Skyhawks managed just three hits in the first game and suffered their first OVC loss of the season, 6-1.

Eastern Illinois jumped out front to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning, but the Skyhawks answered in the top of the fourth with a run.

Lance Renton doubled down the left field line and scored on Kevin Holt's single to right field.

Eastern Illinois scored

one run in the bottom of the fourth and added three more runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Junior catcher Jason Cobb hit a two-run home run in the fifth to account for two of the Panthers' six runs.

EIU's Brandon Murphy gave up a single to Nick Luper in the fifth inning and then shut the door on the Skyhawks with four innings of no-hit ball. Murphy picked up the complete-game, three-hit win. He allowed one walk and struck out six.

Adam Ledlow suffered the loss for the Skyhawks. He pitched 4.2 innings and gave up five earned runs, nine hits and three walks.

Eric Walker relieved Ledlow and pitched 3.1 innings. He allowed two hits and struck out one.

In the second game, the Skyhawks managed five hits and four runs. However, they dropped a 5-4 decision to the Panthers.

The Skyhawks scored first in game two with a run in the first inning and three runs in the fourth inning. Blake Turner plated the Skyhawks' first run of the game with a single to right center field that scored Zach Dean who drew a walk.

In the fourth inning the Skyhawks used one hit and an Eastern Illinois error to produce three runs. The Skyhawks also drew four

walks in the inning. Douglas Nicodemus singled up the middle to score Dean who drew one of the four walks in the frame.

Keiji Szalo hit a solo home run in the fifth to put the Panthers on the board and Mark Chagnon singled to left center to drive in two more runs. Cobb singled off Skyhawk southpaw Micky Dobson in the sixth inning and drove in the tying and winning runs for the host Panthers.

Dobson suffered the loss for the Skyhawks and fell to 2-2 on the season.

The Skyhawks have played 10 one-run games this season and the 5-4 loss to Eastern Illinois marks

only the second one-run loss of the season for the team.

On Sunday however, the Skyhawks capitalized on a key error in its four-run sixth inning to pull out a come-from-behind 8-5 victory over the Panthers.

Skyhawk starter Ryan Rockholt worked eight innings to pick up the win, allowing five runs (four earned) on nine hits with seven walks.

Four UTM players each tallied two hits with Jason Hockaday and Blake Turner driving in a combined seven runs from the middle of the order.

Chris Vaculik (2-4), the first of three EIU reliev-

ers to take the mound after Gierich departed, was saddled with the loss. Erik Huber and Keiji Szalo led EIU with three hits and an RBI apiece.

The Skyhawks currently sit in second place in the OVC standings with an conference record of 4-2 and a 9-16 record overall.

They return to action today with a single home game against Southern Illinois at 3 p.m. at Skyhawk Field.

Tomorrow the Skyhawks will play a rare night game against the Memphis Tigers at 6:30 p.m. at Elam Stadium in Union City, home to the summer KIT league Union City Greyhounds.



# Tennis makes racket in conference play over APSU, looks ahead to MSU

## UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk men's tennis team claimed a 5-2 win over visiting Austin Peay Saturday afternoon to move to 3-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference standings and 6-9 overall.

The Skyhawks swept all three doubles matches and grabbed the point.

In singles action Danny McGuire claimed a 7-5, 6-4 victory at No. 1, while Stephen Bruwer won at No. 3 singles. Bruwer claimed a 7-6, 5-7 (10-7) win. Olti Molaymeri won at No. 5 singles and Chris Slabbert won by default at No. 6 singles.

The Skyhawks will return to action Wednesday, April 5 when they play at Murray State.

The Skyhawk women's

tennis team posted its fourth consecutive 7-0 victory Saturday afternoon as it blanked visiting Austin Peay in an Ohio Valley Conference match.

With the win the Skyhawk women are now 6-0 in the OVC standings and 10-2 overall.

The Skyhawk women return to action Tuesday, April 4 when they play at Murray State in an OVC match.

The Skyhawks claimed the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and No. 3 doubles. Katrina Domela and Sara Leavy posted an 8-3 win at No. 1, while Elizma Schoonees and Ernestine Koornhof claimed an 8-2 win at No. 3.

The Skyhawk women swept all six singles matches. The winners included

Domela, Leavy, Jeanne DeWet, Schoonees, Amber Garza and Koornhof

"We are going to have to come out strong from the beginning to beat Murray. They have a very strong team and our girls know we have to stay focused the entire match," said Dennis Taylor, Skyhawk head coach.

The men also have a three-match OVC winning streak. A factor that has helped the men the last few matches has been an attitude adjustment.

"The men are coming into this match with a new attitude. They are starting to realize how good they are and a belief they can win. These two have helped us pull out some close wins the last few matches," said Taylor.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior Katrina Domela returns the shot against the Austin Peay Lady Gov during Saturday afternoon's OVC match.

## Christa Webb has been named Skyhawk of the Week.



Senior Christa Webb was a perfect 3-3 from the plate during the first game of the Skyhawk's weekend sweep of OVC member Tennessee State.

The Hohenwald-native scored twice and had one RBI in UTM's 6-1 victory over the Tigers.

The sweep marks the second consecutive 3-win series that the Skyhawks have posted over TSU.

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## Scott: From Page 5

with Scott's views. "I believe in creationism. I think that it's a shame that evolution supporters can denounce creationism by saying it's not proven but admit that their beliefs are also not proven," said Justin Chandler, a freshman marketing major. Jennifer Ryan, a sophomore English major, was belea-

guered with everything presented. "She presented so much information that I'm a bit overwhelmed. I like to stick with Proverbs chapter 30 verses 2-3: 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do not have a man's understanding. I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.'"

## Student Government: From Cover

said. Orr said there is no need for change, that during his presidency, he helped students communicate with SGA through Communication Days, had presidents' roundtables, gave away travel-study scholarships and passed an internship coordinator position.

Chambers countered that many of those proposals were in place before Orr's inauguration.

Orr said his leadership style is to "turn obstacles into opportunities," while Chambers said a leader is someone who wants change and makes a plan of action.

Orr said his platform would move SGA forward, not backward. He said Chambers' platform includes things SGA is already working on, but Chambers countered that more changes are needed, especially in improving student organization relations.

Orr said he wanted to implement a "freeze week," where no exams or major assignments could be given before final exams, as well as mandating Executive Council members to have meetings with student organizations.

Chambers said she wanted to work to have more involvement with the Martin community and work on statewide lottery reform.

Orr said the upcoming search for a vice chancellor for Student Affairs is the most important SGA activity, and that he established a forum for students to ask questions of the candidates. However, a similar forum was already planned. Chambers said her priority would be to further strengthen non-greek student organizations through the establishment of a Student Organization Center.

## Security: Continued from Cover

major from Memphis, said, "I'm happy that it is stopping a lot of viruses, but unhappy that it is blocking a lot of websites. It is making it more difficult to use the Internet."

IT Services stresses that the program is not being used as a censorship program. "The new anti-spyware program has been implemented only to protect students and to protect students' information. In no way is this program meant to block the content of a website," said Shannon Burgin, director of IT Services.

Users are asked to be patient with the new program and to work with IT Services. Information about the program is posted at <http://security.utm.edu> and the page will continue to be updated with new information for users. Users can contact the Help Desk with any additional questions or concerns.

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